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BUILT ON THE ROCK: Youth conference begins today

JESSICA BARNES
Campus Editor

"And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock" (Matt. 7:25).

For approximately 600 high school students, that house will be built or remodeled on Taylor's campus this weekend. "Built on the Rock," is youth conference's theme this year because "we really want these high school students to know that there is an absolute truth, and that the absolute truth is Jesus Christ . . . the rock," J.R. Kerr, youth conference co-director, said.

Kerr also said, "It is intended to be a time for high school students to find refuge for a weekend . . . It will also allow them to learn from us and us from them."

Evi Morris, youth conference co-director, described the wit-

nessing opportunities youth conference offers Taylor students by saying, "We always want to go all over [the world] for missions, but this is a time when God literally drops people into our hands."

And some students coming this year were directly affected by a new program that Kerr said will give us "a unique opportunity to learn from kids from different backgrounds." Morris explained that scholarships were given to some of the conferees "to increase diversity and give people an opportunity to come who wouldn't normally be able to."

The high school students and sponsors will come onto campus today between 4 and 7 p.m. The first session will begin at 7 p.m. Ron Johnson, Jr., associate pastor at Living Stones Fellowship in Crown Point, Ind., is the speaker for each of the sessions. Johnson is a Taylor graduate and a former Morris Hall director.

The session will be followed by the first of four discussion group meetings. Throughout the weekend, 95 discussion groups will meet for the conferees "to build relationships with people that they don't know," Morris said.

At 9:30 tonight there will be a coffeehouse in the Union and Extreme games, such as a Velcro wall and a moon walk, in the gym. And at 9:30 Saturday morning the second session will begin. Throughout the day the high school students will attend Taylor student-led workshops, where Kerr believes "they really hear college students' hearts, which I think has one of the most dramatic effects on them."

The conferees can opt for free time, games or a community outreach project at 3:15 p.m. on Saturday. At 7 o'clock that night Johnson will speak at the third session, which will be followed by the Church of Rhythm concert at 9 p.m.

The closing session will be on Sunday at 10 a.m. The high school students will leave campus after lunch. Kerr said that when the weekend is over and the high school students are gone, "I want [our campus] to have loved these kids in such a way that they know that God loves them."

Zondervan Library seeks input on Internet home page

ANDREA MARTIN
News writing

Zondervan Library sent out a survey to all Taylor students and faculty asking about the library home page. Bonnie Houser, archivist librarian, is working with Jennifer Little, public services librarian, on this project. Houser said that the purpose of the survey is to evaluate the home page. They want to know how it is perceived by students and faculty and if it makes sense to them.

The page includes periodical

indexes, access to catalogs and a section that features Internet resources that might be helpful to students and faculty. The librarians want to know how many students are aware of the opportunities the page offers and how many students use them.

"It is important to move from card catalogs and periodical books to computers," Houser said. She is hoping that the site will be integrated into the Library Skills Workbook to make students familiar with it. The surveys are due May 7th.

E.T.C. acquires computer hardware

LYNNETTE MILLER
News writing

The E.T.C. will soon have four new computers in its computer lab. These new computers are Pentium II, 233 mhz with zip drives, six gig hard drives, CD-ROM, sound cards and 17-inch color monitors.

Jim Kleist, director of the E.T.C., said that these computers were ordered due to the large demand for scanning capacity and multi-media productions. He said that the number of classes requiring advanced computer work has caused the need for the upgrade. The computers

will also have the capacity for web page design.

The units that the new computers replace will be put outside Kleist's office where the typewriters are now. They will have software on them that will allow documents to be scanned, filled out and re-printed. This will eliminate the need for the typewriters. The computers will also have e-mail and Internet access. All these changes will be done throughout the summer and fall.

The computer lab is also undergoing a name change to the E.T.C. Digital Studio. Kleist feels that computer labs will one day be non-existent on campus. He wants to promote the Digital Studio as a multi-media facility.

Rupp receives additions to building

KENDRA LIGHTFOOT
News writing

Several subtle changes are taking place in the Communications Building. New wall decorations can now be seen in the halls or are on the way.

Four new signs have recently been hung to separate the different focuses in the building. The four areas represented by the signs are the Centrum, the Journalism Quadrant, the Theater Quadrant and the Broadcast Quadrant.

According to Dale Jackson, communication arts department chair, the department has planned to put up the signs for a

long time. When the building was first drawn up on paper, there became a need for naming different sections of the building. This need arose with a request from a donor.

"A certain donor wanted to give money to the connecting length between the music and communications buildings," Jackson said. In order for the donor to give only to this area, the area needed a name. Jackson came up with the name "Centrum."

After the naming of the Centrum came the idea for naming the other sections of the building. The signs were recently made and were designed to

match other plaques on the walls. The money for the signs was not from a specific donor, but it was from a designated gift line.

The biggest reason for the new signs is that they will help visitors see the particular focuses offered through the department.

Another change is currently in progress. Maintenance began to hang the six by nine foot world map on the wall across from the Broadcast Quadrant yesterday.

Jackson said, "It just seems appropriate to me for the section that focuses on mass media to have something to represent a world view."



D.L. MOODY/ The Echo

Lead singer Karin Bergquist of Over the Rhine performs during Wednesday night's concert.

I was talking to a friend of mine earlier this week and the subject of "rights" came up. My friend made several statements about rights which I have heard frequently. She said that, as the Body of Christ, we are losing our rights. She gave the example of legislation which has been passed in her state that she says unfairly targets home schoolers. She also said that our society today is undergoing major decline because Christians have not been having the effect in government and society that we should be having.

It's not hard to see why people in the church sense persecution from our culture. Hollywood and the media, for the most part, don't portray Christians in the way we might like; in fact, sometimes they are downright hostile. Abortion, homosexuality and other moral issues have become more socially acceptable in recent years. Even Disney, once seen as a bastion of family values, owns studios that produce "anti-family" movies.

Nowhere in the Bible is the message taught that Christians will escape persecu-

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tion and find acceptance in the world; in fact just the opposite is taught. The Christian worldview is decidedly antithetical to any other. Adherence to Christian doctrine demands my whole allegiance, nothing less; I cannot serve two masters. Jesus repeatedly said to his disciples that following Him means forsaking all others, and that they will be hated and persecuted because of Him.

Christians in the United States get bent out of shape when a law is passed restricting home schools, or when Hollywood makes a movie that glorifies a philosophy that is not Christian. Why? In a column for *Christianity Today*, Philip Yancey mentions a Muslim friend of his who said, "In the Qu'ran, I can find nothing to teach us how to be a minority religion, while in the New Testament I can find nothing to teach Christians how to be a majority religion." We are surprised when our culture rebels against our attempts to institute "moral imperatives," but we should expect this, not be surprised by it. In fact, if we don't face some type of opposition, perhaps we should be examining ourselves to be sure we are on the right track.

Look at the church in other parts of the world. Yancey mentions a missionary friend of his who was forced out of China with the advent of communism. The church for many years endured severe persecution, yet somehow God was able to work and the church grew by leaps and bounds. Yet here in America, where our fellowship is not restricted, the church is dying.

I don't want to discount the fact that we are to have a galvanizing effect on culture, or the value of having and obeying laws or the fact that we should be providing some sense of moral balance. But passing "Christian" laws and fighting for our rights isn't necessarily the way to accomplish these goals. Christianity works not from the outside in, but from the inside out. Moral decline is merely a symptom of the sinful nature of humanity. As C.S. Lewis points out in his space trilogy, we are "bent." Attempts to make people behave morally, or in a Christ-like manner, by passing laws will always fail because they are rooted in eliminating the symptoms instead of the illness.

As Christians, our primary focus should not be on legislative reform, but on bringing glory to God with our lives. We do better to "fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith."

—Abigail Johnson

Words of gratitude from Marion YWCA

She really was trying to turn a corner, I think. By 16, she had two, both of whom she claimed were fathered by Tim (as I'll call him here), the guy she "really loves," and who "really loves" her, even though he just messes around with all those other girls.

You see, she told me, her dad was pretty much out of the picture, and those other guys her mom sleeps with, well, some are decent and some are jerks. "So you know, Tim and I will get married and make our own family."

Quickly she adds, "We grew up together. He lived right down the street from me before I moved away and we're pretty close now that I've come back to Marion. Except that he's on house arrest now, for possession or something."

"How old were you when you moved from Marion?" I ask. "Ten," Crystal answers.

Grew up together?! Yeah, I know they say kids grow up quickly now . . . but by 10 you're grown? I guess maybe when your mom is still acting like she's 16, and you're as responsible for your four younger siblings as anybody, you do feel pretty much grown up by 10. It quickly became clear to me, as caseworker then for the Mentor Mother Program, that Crystal (as I'll call her here) was searching for anchors in life, for love. And she found them in the dream of this self-perceived "childhood sweetheart" (who just happens to be out there fathering a bunch of other kids, I guess by his other childhood sweethearts . . .) and through her own two kids.

Well, as I said, it really seems like she's turning a corner. She's establishing paternity, finding out that her first child wasn't fathered by Tim after all ("Guys just know where to come if they want some," she told me). She's attending an alternative high school (her truancy and failing grades were jeopardizing her graduation from traditional high school), so now she's getting straight "A's." She's even gotten a job. The hitch is that she has to leave her kids with somebody a lot, and decent child care is expensive and hard to find.

So it was pretty unexpected at our last meeting when she broke down sobbing. She told us that while she was at work, her baby-sitter dipped her one-year-old child's feet in boiling water, resulting in third-degree burns. "And I've sent my kids to her since my first child was a baby. What else has she done to them that wasn't so obvious, that they can't tell me about?"

After my stomach turned over in knots with repulsion and anger toward this baby-sitter, I'm glad then, that we in the Mentor Mother Program are here, to hold her, to pray with her, to walk with her through the ensuing legal web.

Life is hard for these young moms . . . sometimes harder than others. Some, like Crystal, have a lot of potential and are easy to love. Others are tough, cool, a lot harder to reach.

The Mentor Mother Program (through the Marion YWCA) seeks to help teen moms make better life choices, to complete their education, to avoid repeat teen pregnancy, and to be good moms. To accomplish these goals, we believe relationship is vital, so we try to match each teen mom with a mature mentor, an also to provide bimonthly support

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A Taylor thank-you

My father once told me that only three people in the world actually cared to know the answer to the overused question, "How are you?" Those people are your parents and your doctor. No one else really cares, and everyone else who appears to care is trying to sell you something. And so I lived my life believing that—until I came to Taylor. And so I write this as we end the school year to say, "thanks." Thanks for caring. Thanks for listening. Thanks for praying. Thanks for making me laugh. Thanks for the advice. Thanks for the smiles. Thanks for the hugs and the back rubs. I wish I could go around to every single person here who has blessed me and thank them individually for being Christ to me, but that would be impossible.

Taylor is a place unlike any other. We are inundated here with references to the "intentional community." Please don't get sick of it. Don't tire of serving others and caring for others. We have something extremely special here—something that has forever influenced my life and my way of thinking.

Thank you for being there for your classmates—your brothers and sisters in Christ. It's easy, especially at the end of the year, to get wrapped up in studies and preparation for summer or graduation and to look back and to remember all of the things that didn't happen that you wish would have. There is a place for that, but there is also a place for people to look back and realize what an impact that others had on their lives in the last year and to thank them, and so I want to encourage you: before you leave Taylor, make a point to go to someone who has truly cared for you and thank them. Write them a note or a poem. Give them a rose or a dandelion. Show someone how much their caring has meant to you this year and let them know that you have seen Christ in them, that your life is richer because they cared.

So how am I? You really want to know? You honestly and truly are not simply making conversation? I am honored and privileged and blessed because you asked. I can't believe that someone would take the time to care, but you—someone from some corn patch in Indiana—took the time and asked. Wow. Do you want to know how I am? Honestly, I'm struggling. I've had a really hard week, but seeing Christ in you gives me hope. No, it doesn't make all my problems disappear, but it helps me to remember that there is one who can, even when it sometimes seems impossible and out of control. Thank you for caring. Thank you for giving of your time and effort to talk to little old me. Thank you for investing your time and effort into someone else's life. God bless you.

Soli Deo Gloria (To God Alone be the Glory),

—Heather Lorimor

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meetings.

Since January, the women of English Hall have been renovating a room at the YWCA, which, along with the generous campus-wide donations given, will make a nursery and a Teen Moms Support Center, a place where teen moms can come after school and utilize computers with tutoring software to do their homework and just hang out while their kids are cared for at the other end of the room. Many of these teen moms could really use a positive place to go where they are encouraged and supported. And though we are a "secular" program, most of those working with us are Christians who seek to show Christ's love through relationships developed here.

It's not pretty, reaching into these lives. They are fallen and hurting, hiding (perhaps like we all do sometimes) behind their cool "I'm strong" exterior. But I see through to their souls, to the exhausted teen mom trying to balance her baby and her high school math class and her drunk mom and her jealous boyfriend—juggling all these things with her own young needs, her insecurities, her desires, her pride, her sin. When I see through to all that, I know it's here where Jesus longs to be.

Jesus chose to walk, sandal-footed, on hard, dusty roads, to befriend a prostitute at the cost of his reputation, to be earthy, so that we could taste the heaven of Him. And sometimes the "heaven" of this Love flies in the face of all that makes sense.

And it doesn't really make sense that 1,800 college students could come up with more than \$1,000 in a few days to facilitate reaching out to some insecure, somewhat hard-core teen moms with attitudes in Marion, Indiana. But then, that's heaven-love.

So don't let my words be your thanks—I know they're insufficient.

Rather, may the reality that you, figuratively speaking, put on Jesus' sandals for a short while, and stopped to talk with the woman at the well who sought sex for security, and allowed yourself to be moved enough to make a difference with your gift. May the reality of this Christ-likeness bring you closer to the Compassionate One in your own life.

And may the teens—the Crystals, the others in Marion who will benefit from your gift as we serve them through it—also come to know Him as the Compassionate Lover in their lives, becoming fellow travelers with us in Jesus' sandals.

Amazed and thankful for the Christ-love we can know through each other in the Body of Christ

Holly Coddling

Director—YWCA Mentor Mother Program



Margaret Becker

Falling Forward
Already released
Sparrow Records



It's been three years since Margaret Becker put out a new album. It's been over 10 years since she entered the world of Christian music. A lot has happened in those periods of time. For long time she was the token female rocker in Christian music. But with her 1993 album *Soul*,

things began to change. The music got a little mellower. That also occurred with her last album, *Grace*. So, after three years, what does *Falling Forward*, her newest effort, have to offer?

It's not *The Reckoning* or *Immigrant's Daughter*, but it's some good music.

I've always enjoyed Margaret Becker's music because she has some of the best, most honest and introspective lyrics in Christian music. She doesn't offer pat answers or the all-too-typical Christian clichés. She finds new ways to communicate the truth of God on each of her albums.

Each song on *Falling Forward* is just a little different musically than the one before or after it. The album uses more programming so it doesn't have the acoustic feel that a lot of Christian albums in this genre have been using. It begins in an understated sort of way as "I Don't Know How" drifts on softly, asking how anyone could have true peace without knowing God. "Cave It In" picks up the tempo a little, speaking to the wall of our limited humanity

we continually run up against in trying to get close to God: "So porous these walls may be/But I'm still clawing at the seams."

Another highlight on the album is "Clay and Water," which is an eloquent statement of our continual refining in God's grace and love. Becker sings: "I am clay and I am water/Falling forward in this order/While the world spins 'round so fast/Slowly I'm becoming who I am." The song "Any Kind of Light" has a very intimate feel with the use of classical guitar and softer percussion.

My only complaint with the album would be the varied musical style on each song. I found it just a little distracting, but I'm glad that she's experimenting with her sound and is willing to take that risk.

I think that Margaret Becker has given her fans another great project with *Falling Forward*. She gives her listeners a glimpse of who she really is in each of the songs (all of which she wrote or co-wrote)—the doubt, the joy, the confusion and the love that is her relationship with God.

—Amy Meyering



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Clarification

In last week's *Echo*, the names of the reviewers were inadvertently left off of the music and book reviews. Atta Dawahare wrote the music review (for Michael W. Smith's *Live the Life*) and Sarah Kaiser wrote the book review (for Ravi Zacharias' *Cries of the Heart*). We apologize for this error and for any confusion it may have caused.



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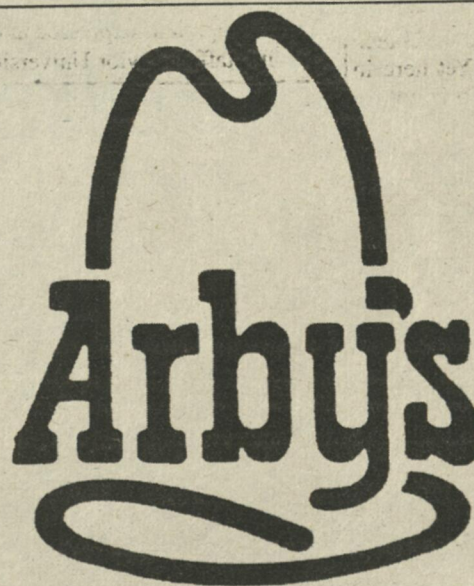
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Golf at first in MCC; softball best-ever MCC record

ABIGAIL JOHNSON

Sports Editor

TRACK

The track team will be hosting the Mid Central Conference Championships today starting at 3 p.m. and tomorrow starting at 1 p.m.

GOLF

Taylor is currently the sole possessor of first place in the Mid-Central Conference with a record of 43-6. This Wednesday, the team had a match at Goshen, finishing second behind Marian with a score of 312. The team also played at Grace last weekend and placed third with a score of 318 behind Marian and Indiana Wesleyan. The team played last Tuesday at Bethel College and finished in second place with a score of 313 behind IWU, which had 312. Ben Metzger had a score of 75, Jeff Hager had 78, Dwayne Safer 79, Wes Kent 82 and Justin Michaels finished with an 81.

Last Saturday, the men played at the Shady Hills Golf Club, hosted by Indiana Wesleyan, and ended in third place with a score of 316. IWU was again first with 299, and Marian was second with 313. Wednesday, April 8 was hosted by Taylor at Walnut Creek Golf Course. Taylor finished in first with a score of 313.

The next match is the Taylor Invitational, which begins today at 12

p.m. at Walnut Creek Golf Course. The final MCC regular season meet is Monday, and it will be hosted by Huntington.

SOFTBALL

This season, the softball team boasts its best-ever record in the time it has been in the Mid-Central Conference with an overall record of 10-17-1 and a conference record of 6-7-1. The team played Grace at home on Tuesday and won both games.

In the first, Robin Lockridge (7-5, 5.32 ERA) pitched, and the women won by a score of 6-5. Mel Mannix went two for four and scored one run, while Ashley Lund was three for four, scored two runs and had two stolen bases. Lockridge was one for three, scored two runs, had a triple and two RBIs. The second game was pitched by Emily Farray (3-12, 6.41 ERA), and the women won by a score of 8-7. Mannix went one for three with two RBIs and a double, Ashley Lund was two for three with two RBIs, and Lockridge had a double. Tara Shellabarger had two RBIs and a double, while Loni Weber went one for two and scored two runs.

Last Saturday, the team hosted St. Mary of the Woods College and split the doubleheader, losing the first game 6-4 and winning the second by a score of 7-6. In the first game, Mannix was one for four with



Sammy Siratei leads the pack during the 400 meter run at the track meet last Saturday.

one run scored, Ashley Lund was one for three with one run scored and Lockridge was one for three with a home run, one run scored and four RBIs. Mindy Mannix was one for three with one run scored.

In the second game, Mel Mannix was two for three with one run scored, Ashley Lund was two for four with one run scored, Lindsey Lund went one for three with one run scored and two RBIs, Lockridge went one for three with two runs scored and two RBIs and Jill Graper was one for four with one run scored and one RBI.

The women will finish regular season play tomorrow, hosting Cedarville at 1 p.m. They begin the MCC Tournament Wednesday on the road.

BASEBALL

Due to weather, the baseball team only played one game of its doubleheader against St. Francis here on Wednesday. The team lost that game by a score of 8-2. Monday, the Trojans hosted Marian, losing both games, the first 5-4 and the second 7-6.

The previous two doubleheaders, against Grace and Huntington, both ended in splits. At home against Grace last Saturday, the team lost the first by a score of 5-4. Jon Easterhaus went two for three and scored one run, Ben Aspter was one for three with one run, Ruan Miller was one for three with one run and one RBI and Scott Blackford was one for two with two RBIs.

The second game brought a 9-0 victory for the Trojan team. Joel Davis (5-2, 1.93 ERA) pitched the shutout. Easterhaus was one for two with two runs and one RBI. Jason Colley was three for four with one run and three RBIs and Ryan Linenger was two for two with two runs and five RBIs.

At Huntington, the team won the first game 2-0. Ben Asper was two for three with one run, and Andy Rowell was one for three with one run. The second game was a loss by a score of 6-3. Easterhaus was the star of the evening as he went two for four with three RBIs.

SPECIAL HONORS

Junior Derek Taatjes has an NAIA Honorable Mention All-American. Taatjes, a forward from Grand Rapids, Mich., was an All Mid-Central Conference First Team selection this season. He led the team in rebounds, averaging 6.9 per game, while scoring an average of 12.5 points per game. Taatjes also shot 54 percent from the field for the year. This is his first All-American honor.

Jon Easterhaus and Joel Davis have been selected as the Mid-Central Conference baseball Player of the Week and Pitcher of the Week, respectively, and Robin Lockridge was named Softball Player of the Week for last week.

Easterhaus is a senior center fielder from Fort Wayne, Ind., and had a .462 batting average last week as he went 9 for 26, with 11 RBIs, four home runs, a double, a triple, two stolen bases, nine runs scored and 27 total bases. It is the second time this season that he has been named MCC Player of the Week.

Davis is a senior left-hander from Ridgeland, Miss., who went 2-0 last week, with nine strikeouts, three earned runs, no walks, two complete games and a 1.93 earned run average in 14 innings, including a 9-0 five-hit shutout against Grace College.

Lockridge is a sophomore pitcher from Madison, Ind., and went 9 for 20 with a .450 batting average in six games last week. She also had 11 RBIs, one double and a grand slam home run.



DWAYNE SAFER



FAMILY:

Dwayne has one older brother who took up golf because Dwayne played. His father, who is originally from what is now Croatia, is a mechanic with US Airlines, and his mother is a homemaker.

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HIGH SCHOOL/HOMETOWN:

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HISTORY:

Dwayne was active in sports throughout high school. He played both soccer and basketball in the fall, and baseball in the spring his freshman and sophomore years. He came to the point, however, that he no longer enjoyed baseball. In search of another spring sport, Dwayne began playing golf and has been at it ever since his junior year of high school.

He played at a collegiate level at a junior college near his home after high school for a year. His coach was a senior member of the

PGA, and Dwayne says that playing for this coach was especially helpful not only for the development of his game but also for his enthusiasm for the game.

Dwayne said that he enjoys the individual skill required to play golf.

"Golf is like no

other sport.

Even though

we play on a

team, there's

no one else you

can blame

when things go

w r o n g ."

Dwayne said

that he enjoys

the mental as-

pect of the

game. "There

is skill involved, but it's about 90

percent mental," he commented.

The mental concentration required

is at times draining, but at other

times the levels of concentration are

a refreshing break from daily rou-

tine.

Scotland is the place where golf

was born, but Dwayne says that he

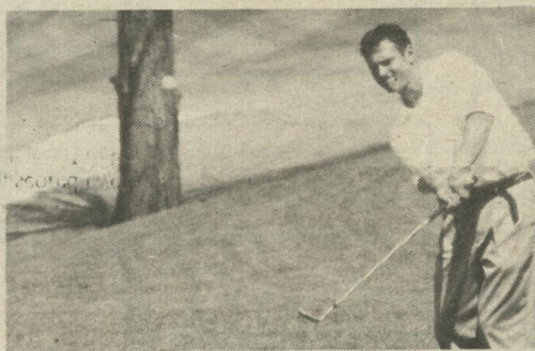
hasn't had the opportunity to play

there yet. He has, however, played

in Croatia. His family went there

when he was 18 in order to visit his father's relatives and he played a little while he was there. "Golf is not as big there as it is here, so I was the only one on the course."

Not many people like to watch golf on television. "I hated watch-



ing golf on TV in junior high, too," Dwayne said, "but now I love it. Sometimes I'll spend three or four hours on a Sunday afternoon watching it." The toughest course he has ever played was in Hilton Head, N. C., when he played a course which is on the PGA Tour. "They make it look easy when you see it on TV, but it's much more difficult in real life."

-Abigail Johnson



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